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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Mr. Kain	State
Lt. Col. Kiel	Army
Lt. Cdr. Nutt	Navy
Lt. Col. Rogers	Navy
Maj. Rush	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)

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2. Relative to the [REDACTED] being produced by FECOM, the Army member stated that several queries had been sent to FECOM but that full replies had not yet been received. A further report will be made at the next meeting.

3. The Committee approved a modified proposal of Army to substitute "airborne landing sites" for the words, "air drop zones" throughout the Outline Guide for Chapter II (Military Geography). This change will be incorporated in the Outline Guide in the next printing of it. In the meantime, the Army will instruct its contributors to use the new change.

4. The Committee approved the NIS Areas list with minor changes. The NIS Areas map, which is now being revised, will conform to this approved list.

5. The Committee approved a proposal of the Army Map Service for rescheduling Chapter IX of NIS 39 (China) in order that an additional two months might be made available for needed processing and evaluation of newly received materials having a bearing on the area. The approved date for submittal of the AMS contribution to CIA is May 1951. The coordinated draft of Chapter IX - NIS 39 will be submitted by the Chapter Coordinator to D/B in August 1951.

6. The Chairman reported that a reduction of JANIS reserve stock to a maximum of 200 copies would reduce the Army's storage space requirements by approximately 50%; and a reduction of JANIS reserve stock to a maximum of 300 copies would reduce Army's storage requirements by approximately 30%. (Refer to Paragraph 7, NIS Committee Meeting No. 95). The Army member requested that further consideration on this matter be deferred until he could determine whether or not the proposed space reduction would be of sufficient importance to Army to warrant the trouble and expense involved in destroying the excess copies.

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7. The Chairman requested the members to report the status of contributions returned to the Agencies for revision in respect to: a) those which would be rescheduled, and b) those which would shortly be revised and returned to D/B. The sections under consideration are as follows:

<u>STATE</u>	- NIS 11, Section 63	- returned for revision on 19 December 1950
<u>ARMY</u>	- NIS 10, Section 31	- returned for revision on 15 February 1951
	NIS 31, Section 31	- returned for revision on 25 October 1950
	NIS 54, Section 31	- returned for revision on 15 February 1951
	NIS 10, Section 32	- returned for revision on 27 October 1950
	NIS 35-36, Section 32	- returned for revision on 7 September 1950
	NIS 54, Section 32	- returned for revision on 17 February 1951
<u>AIR FORCE</u>	- NIS 65, Section 37	- returned for revision on 12 January 1951 (to be sent to Alaska)

Discussion by the Committee indicated that it was not always feasible to determine the manner in which a returned contribution would be handled, since it involved coordination with other agencies and determination of work loads in relation to current production. It was agreed that each member would indicate to D/B the manner of revision as soon as possible, and that the Chairman would review periodically with the Committee the status of contributions returned to the Agencies for revision.

8. The Chairman distributed copies of a memorandum from the Office of the Secretary of Defense to the DCI, dated 8 February 1951, which described a very comprehensive report on the Belgian Congo prepared under the direction of General Handy, Senior U.S. Military Representative in Europe. One complete copy of this report is held by the JCS. Since much of this report could be used as

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primary source material for the NIS on this area, the members were advised to make reference to the report in their bibliographic files.

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9. The Committee approved Army's proposals for revision of the Outline Guide for Sections 80 and 81 (Draft of 30 November 1950). The Navy had no changes for Section 82. The Air Force is formulating proposals for Section 83 which will be laid before the Committee at its next meeting. As soon as all proposals have been considered, a revised Outline Guide for Chapter VIII will be prepared and disseminated. The Chairman requested the members to report their requirements for Chapter VIII Outline Guide. Proposals of State for revisions of the Outline Guide for certain sections of Chapters IV, V, and VI will be considered at the next meeting.

10. The Chairman discussed the matter of a cross-reference guide for the use of NIS contributors. D/B now feels that this guide should be developed along the lines which will encourage the fullest inter-agency collaboration in the treatment of subject matter which, while principally treated in one section, impinges upon other sections. For example, the principal treatment of Highways is Section 32, yet related discussion may appear in Coasts and Landing Beaches (access routes to the interior), and other sections. Therefore, D/B is preparing the cross-reference guide in two columns, the first of which lists the secondary, or related, treatment of subjects, and the second column contains the primary treatment of the subjects. Contributors preparing sections in which related subjects are treated will be required to check with the primary contributors of these subjects to ensure consonance of treatment through the NIS. The Committee agreed that this guide should prove very helpful to all contributors.

11. The next meeting of the Committee will be held in CIA at 1000 hours on 6 March 1951.

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